

FIVE ARE DEAD IN BLOWUP IN EAST

BODIES HANG FROM WIRES AFTER BLAST

Five Are Victims of Disaster in Chemical Plant Near Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAUSE NOT LEARNED

John Paul, One of Workers, Dies in Hospital Following the Explosion.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 16.—Bits of bodies hanging to telegraph wires, pieces of flesh scattered through the ruins of the wrecked building, and the fact that five men have been missing since the explosion last night at the plant of the Aetna Chemical company in Oakdale, a suburb, today prompted a hurried investigation by the coroner's office.

John Paul of Sayville, Ill., died in a hospital soon after the blast.

"Five men are gone, three dead and two missing," said L. C. Crewe, superintendent of the military department of the Aetna Chemical company, at noon today.

Mr. Crewe said the explosion occurred in the mixing department and its cause had not been determined. Property loss was comparatively small and the part of the 15-acre plant not affected by the accident was placed in operation this afternoon.

OFFICIAL COUNTS FOR CLOSE VOTES

Neither Barr Nor O'Hara Willing to Concede Defeat in Wednesday's Election Battle.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Practically complete unofficial returns available today from the primary Wednesday give the following pluralities on the state tickets:

Republican: Frank O. Lowden, governor, 107,000; John G. Oglesby, lieutenant governor, 125,000; L. E. Emerson, secretary of state, 45,000; Len Small, state treasurer, 42,000; Andrew Russell, auditor, 35,000; Medill McCormick, congressman-at-large, 40,000; W. E. Mason, congressman-at-large, 14,000; Edward J. Brundage, attorney general, 6,000.

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PETTIT IN COURT TO FACE MURDER CHARGE

Chicago, Sept. 16.—J. Maurice Pettit, the former bank teller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was carried on a hospital cot today to attend the inquest into the death of his 18-year-old bride who, he confessed, he "slashed to death to keep her pure."

Mrs. Carrie Schreiber, mother of the slain girl, fainted when she faced Pettit.

Pettit has been in a hospital since he attempted to escape by leaping from a railroad train as he was being returned to Chicago.

Pettit testified, repeating his confession to the police. The coroner's jury recommended that Pettit be held to the grand jury on a charge of murder without bail.

8 Were Hurt in Crash of Penn Trains

New York, Sept. 16.—Eight persons were injured, two seriously when an electric locomotive crashed into the side of an express train bound for Washington, D. C., today at the entrance of the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under the Hudson river. Railroad officials said the driver on the locomotive ignored signals.

FROST KING GETS UP EARLY SCORE

Cold Wave Over Middle West Beats Record for a Great Many Seasons in Past Years.

Decatur, Ill., Sept. 16.—Decatur and central Illinois were visited by a light frost early today. The mercury dropped to 32 degrees. Tomatoes were nipped, but the corn has so matured that the frost was a help to it. It was Decatur's earliest frost in 23 years.

Danville, Ill., Sept. 16.—All late vegetables were ruined by a heavy frost last night, with the temperature down to 40. This is the earliest frost in many years and truck gardeners estimate their loss will run over \$50,000.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 16.—The temperature went down to 39 here last night, bringing the first frost of the season. It was a light frost and no damage to crops is reported. The temperature at 9 a. m. was 57.

Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 16.—A friendly blanket of clouds which hung over northern Iowa last night prevented promised killing frost. Temperature this morning is slightly higher than at this time yesterday. With but one exception in 60 years, yesterday's average temperature was the lowest ever recorded in Dubuque for the first half of September.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 16.—A light frost fell in this vicinity last night. Tender foliage in the city did not seem to be harmed and it is believed that this morning the thermometer registered 40 degrees.

SENATOR LEWIS LEAVE FOR TOUR IN THE WEST

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois left today for Minneapolis where he will open his speaking tour through the northwest in behalf of Wilson and Marshall Monday. He will follow the route taken recently by Charles E. Hughes to the Pacific coast and return to Illinois about the middle of October.

Mrs. Antoinette Funk, who has joined the staff of women officials at western democratic campaign headquarters, today sent a letter to Raymond Robins, challenging him to a series of public debates on the issues of the campaign.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BIENNIAL MEETING

Washington, Sept. 16.—Prominent Catholic laymen and clergymen from throughout the United States began arriving here today for the fourth biennial meetings of the National Conference of Catholic Charities beginning tomorrow and continuing through Wednesday.

General sessions will be held at the Catholic university and problems of the church will include institutional care of children; the placing of dependent children in private homes; teaching of social work in Catholic colleges; modern methods of treating defective and delinquent children and minimum wage and social insurance.

First on tomorrow's program will be the pontifical high mass with Bishop Thomas J. Shahan of the Catholic university as celebrant. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. J. Henry Thien, bishop of Lincoln, Neb.

The first general session will be held tomorrow night.

THE WAR TODAY

On a front of six miles north of the Somme in France, the British forces, by smashing the German line, have made probably the most notable advance since the Anglo-French offensive began on July 1. Three towns, two woods and the possession of nearly all the high ground between Comblès and the Pozieres-Bapaume road fell to the British, whose drives impelled the Comblès and Thiepval positions. The advance on the northern end of the front was for a distance of two miles. The Germans under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria fought a stubbornly, London says, and the fighting was severe all along the line. More than 2,900 prisoners were taken by the British.

In northern Macedonia the British, French and Serbian armies have gained additional successes. The British captured Bulgarian positions a half mile deep on a front of one mile. The Serbians captured Malkandze. The British gained ground west of the Vardar. Unofficially, it is reported that the Bulgarians retreated 12 miles from the entente rush, and Athens reports the abandonment of Kastoria by the Bulgarians.

WILSON CAN WIELD CLUB IN BLOCKADE

Great Britain's Order About Holland Shipments Subject of Probe.

EMBASSY IN DENIAL

Consul General Skinner Says List Was Modified for Insurance Interests.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The state department today sought to learn through diplomatic channels what commodities are included in Great Britain's last blockade order restricting shipments from the United States to Holland and the Scandinavian countries. If the action is found to shut out any great quantity of American trade with these neutral countries, it doubtless will be regarded seriously by this government.

Interest in the effect of the order was enhanced at the time by the fact that President Wilson was granted authority by recent legislation to retaliate against interference unduly with American commerce.

The state department is interested in ascertaining whether the reported arrangements between Great Britain and France for exchange of commodities whose importation from other countries is forbidden does not violate the British-American commercial treaty of 1915.

The American embassy at London was requested to confirm published reports of the new order and explain its scope and effect upon American commerce.

American Consul General Skinner cabled today that the "black list" order had been modified to permit British marine insurance companies to underwrite insurance of property in the hands of blacklisted United States concerns.

Officials here believe the real motive of the modification is to enable American underwriters to hold American insurance business and not lose it through operation of the "blacklist."

Britain Denies Effect. While the state department is investigating the latest British order restraining commerce to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, officials are in some doubt as to whether it affects American goods already covered by letters of assurance through the operation of the Netherlands Overseas Trust.

British embassy officials say it does not. They say that no change so fundamental as that reported in London dispatches could possibly have been made without notification to them.

The only official information before the state department—a cablegram from Consul General Skinner dated Sept. 11—seems to be supporting the view that the new order actually works no change, for it says "it is presumed that American goods already covered by letters of assurance will not be stopped."

Absolutely no change of policy has been made by England in months, according to British embassy officials. The plan to allow only enough imports into neutral states contiguous to Germany to provide them with such a stock of goods as they consumed before the war, British official say, has been in operation many months.

They point out that when the maximum stock in any country is reached no more "letters of assurance" are given to Americans and no more licenses are given to British exporters.

ONE MAN KILLED, 34 ARE INJURED

Trade Unions are Voting On Walkout in New York Sympathy Strike.

New York, Sept. 16.—Several trade unions voted today for the purpose of determining their response to the call for a sympathetic strike to back up the striking car employees.

By Monday labor leaders expect to learn the sentiment of the longshoremen, teamsters, tidewater boatmen, coal bargemen and stationary engineers and firemen to whom the car men have particularly addressed their appeal. By Monday, they assert, 70,000 men will be called out "to protect the very life of union labor in New York."

Union leaders announce that the majority of the members of machine shops unions having a membership of 25,000 have voted to strike.

One man was killed and 34 persons were injured in accidents on the elevated and surface car lines within the last 24 hours.

A GOOD RECORD



MEX. 4TH O'JULY IS BIG GALA DAY

Flags Flatter at Capital in Honor of 116 Years of National Independence.

Mexico City, Sept. 16.—Military training was opposed and universal military training advocated in a Mexican independence day celebration speech here today by Felix Palavicini, minister of public instruction. Palavicini spoke as the unofficial representative of General Carranza.

The speaker declared that while it was the intention to establish a strong government in Mexico, it was not intended that such a government should be controlled by military power alone. Universal military training, the minister said, would fulfill the plans of the de facto government, because when each citizen had been made a trained soldier, there would be no chance for the army to control and "run over those engaged in civil pursuits."

The one hundredth and sixth anniversary of Mexican independence was being generally celebrated today throughout the republic.

In the capital, where nearly every building is adorned with flags and decorated with the national colors, military and civil organizations paraded through flower-strewn streets. Bands played in every park and a chorus of a thousand voices, trained for weeks, sang patriotic songs.

In addition to the formal speeches and meetings, a program of sports modeled closely after the program of the Olympic games drew athletes from all over the country, although the larger part of the tremendous list of entries came from the schools and colleges in or near the capital. A field was laid out for track and field events, baseball games, basketball and association football matches. General Carranza donated 20,000 pesos to provide the equipment.

Baseball has secured a wide hold throughout Mexico and an excellent game was played here. A gala performance at the opera and a special bull fight also drew large crowds.

Latest Bulletins

Washington, Sept. 16.—Ambassador von Bernstorff today informed the state department that the German government would consider "null and void" any loan to Belgium negotiated in the United States during German occupancy of that country.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 16.—Fire broke out shortly before noon here today in the state penitentiary, loss \$1,000. It is believed to have been set by convicts.

Point Isabel, Tex., Sept. 16.—The First Illinois cavalry, which has been camping here, will start on its return trip to Brownsville late today. A new complement of 190 horses has been issued to the regiment.

Athens, Friday, Sept. 15. (via London, Sept. 16, 4:15 p. m.)—George Streit, King Constantine's most intimate confidant, who lately has been acting as the sovereign's personal agent in endeavoring to form a cabinet, was challenged to a duel today by George Melas, formerly the king's private secretary.

Rome, Sept. 16. (via London, 5:20 p. m.)—The new offensive of the Italians who are attempting to advance on Trieste was developed successfully yesterday. The war office today announced the capture of a number of important positions. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken.

Girl Burned to Death as Fire Starts

Waterloo, Iowa, Sept. 16.—A 5-year-old daughter of Frank Lahue, of Garrison, Iowa, was burned to death early today in a fire which started when Lahue attempted to start the morning fire by the use of kerosene at their home at Garrison, Iowa, near here. Lahue, himself was seriously burned and it is feared he will die.

Mrs. Lahue, with two other children, escaped. The name of the dead child could not be learned.

HUNGARIAN DIET OPPOSING TISZA

Parliamentary Foes Charge Austria With Neglect of Political Duty in War Time.

Vienna, Sept. 14 (via Berlin and London, Sept. 16, 9:48 a. m.)—The opposition still is waging an active parliamentary war against Count Tisza in the Hungarian diet.

For the last 10 days the criticism of Tisza has hinged on a matter which only indirectly affects the Hungarian diet—the governing of Austria and Hungarian delegations in bodies which attend the state affairs that Austria and Hungary have in common.

Tisza's opponents demand that the delegations be convened for the purpose of attending certain military and political affairs which, it is charged, are being neglected by the Austrian government. They consist of alleged incompetency in the administration of foreign affairs and efficiency in the Austro-Hungarian army administration, both of these charges being connected directly with Rumania's entry into the war.

The opposition to Tisza continues to assert that the department of Baron von Burian, the foreign minister, and the Tisza government have failed to take the necessary military precautions in Transylvania and that they are guilty of most flagrant failure in not warning the population in Transylvania to leave their homes before the Rumanian advance took place, with the result that the year's crops and many cattle were lost.

Premier Tisza has pointed out that the opposition was mistaken, the opportunity therefore being given by an interview with Baron Burian which was seized upon by the opposition to interpellate Tisza, who, in a masterly exposure, showed the Austro-Hungarian government was fully acquainted with the situation in Bucharest and expected the declaration of war by Rumania, but that the Rumanian government was obliged by the entente to act precipitately, Rumania being not quite ready, as developments in Dobruja had shown.

Meanwhile the demands of the opposition are dwindling in number and vehemence. At first the opposition demanded the retirement from power of Tisza and his party. The next demand was for a coalition ministry, including Tisza; and finally for such a ministry to exclude him. Today the hopes of the premier's opponents are limited to adding from their own ranks several ministers without portfolios.

JOHN D. SHOOP IN CHARGE OF NURSE

Danville, Ill., Sept. 16.—John D. Shoop, superintendent of schools of Chicago, severely injured in an automobile accident near here on Aug. 27, left this afternoon for home. He will arrive at Dearborn street station at 5:10 o'clock this evening. He is accompanied by a trained nurse. Mr. Shoop will not be able for some time to attend to his duties except at his apartments in Chicago.

TEUTS CHASE RUSS; SERBIA GETS BULGAR

Routed Armies on Two Fronts Pursued by Rush of Victorious Troops.

ENGLISH HOLD FAST

Villages Captured in Great Allied Drive on Friday Object of Attack.

Berlin, Sept. 16. (via London, 5:10 p. m.)—Field Marshal von Mackensen, in command of the troops of the central powers in the Balkans, has decisively defeated the Rumanians and Russians in the province of Dobruja and is now pursuing them, says today's official statement.

London, Sept. 16. (1:55 p. m.)—As a result of their offensive north of the Somme, begun yesterday morning along the six mile front from the north of Comblès to beyond the Pozieres-Bapaume road the British hold in their entirety the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers, the war office announced this afternoon.

Saloniki. (via London, Sept. 16, 3:18 a. m.)—The Bulgarian army, falling back in disorder toward Monastir, pursued by the Serbians, according to an official statement issued at Serbian headquarters.

The text of the statement follows: "After two days' artillery preparations and the occupation of the enemy's advanced posts, our troops carried out a decisive attack on the principal Bulgarian positions in the direction of Florina which was crowned with complete success," the statement says. "The Bulgarian positions at Malkandze and Malareka are now in our hands and General Boyadjeff's army is retiring in disorder toward Monastir, pursued by our victorious troops."

"We made a large number of prisoners and captured 200 machine guns and a great quantity of munitions. The Bulgarian losses are enormous. One Bulgarian regiment lost 1,500 men. Our troops have already descended into the plain of Florina."

German Attack Near Clerly. Paris, Sept. 16. (noon.)—German counter attacks are made on the French lines both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful, the war office announced today. The assaults were delivered to the east of Clerly on the north bank of the river and east of Berny, to the south of the stream, below Peronne.

During yesterday's fighting, today's bulletin states, the British took 400 prisoners. In a single trench the body of 86 dead Germans were picked up. English "Bull Dog" Let Loose on the Somme.

British Front in France, Sept. 16.—Aside from their increased artillery fire in the great new drive on the Somme yesterday, the British brought into action for the first time a new type of armored motor car capable, because of its powerful traction, of crossing trenches and shell craters. For some days the army had watched it with interest and curiosity, and yesterday as it moved along in support of the infantry in their charges they cheered it even in the midst of shell fire.

There has been nothing more wonderful, even in this war, than the spectacle of its advance toward the German line.

Man of Letters Called by King. Athens, Friday, 4 p. m. (via London, Sept. 16, 1:05 p. m.)—(Delayed.)—King Constantine this afternoon called Nicolas Callaghyeropoulos, a lawyer and president of the board of directors of the Ionian bank, to Tatol to discuss the possibility of forming a cabinet.

M. Callaghyeropoulos is a well known supporter of the entente cause. Central Allies Gain Decisive. Berlin, Sept. 16. (via London, 12:15

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ENGLISH MOTOR CAR TERRIBLE IN ACTION

Chicago, Sept. 16.—On Sept. 7, the Chicago Herald gave the world the first news of the wonderful new armored giant just reported in action from the British front in France. "England has," reported the Herald, "under cover of closest secrecy, a fleet of armed and armored land dreadnaughts that will plow through trenches, wade deep rivers and sweep death in broad and devastating circles of 20-mile radius."

"Driven by engines of tremendous power, plated with six-inch steel, these automobiles of extermination are armed with big guns on pivots and directed by men in steel turrets. "There is no obstruction less than a mountain that can withstand their approach. They could batter through a building of granite foundation and metal frame like a giant walking through a wheat field."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity

Mostly cloudy and warmer tonight with possibly showers. Sunday, fair and cooler.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 44. Highest yesterday, 56. Lowest last night, 41. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 8 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 46; at 7 a. m., 60; at 1 p. m. today, 39. Stage of water, 3.7; a fall of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.